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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Emily Y. Chan

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2-16-05
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 7-8 are objected to because of the following informalities: "said plurality of first control terminals" recited in the claims lack antecedent basis.

Appropriate correction is required.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the first inspection terminal and the second inspection terminals recited in claim 1 seem to be referred as "odd-numbered data terminal" and "even-numbered data terminal" in the specification. Therefore, applicant is required to modify the language in the specification so that the similar terms are used in the specification and the claims.

Appropriate correction is required.

3. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-6 and 9 are allowed over the prior art.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims 1-6 and 9 are indicated allowable because the prior art in the record does not teach or suggest an image display device formed on an

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insulation substrate comprising all the elements in combination recited in the independent claim 1. Specifically, the prior art does not teach an image display device comprising (1) a plurality of transistor having **first electrodes** connected to a plurality of data lines and made nonconductive when the image display panel is in normal operation, (2) a first inspection terminal connected to **second electrodes of the odd-numbered transistors** and (3) a second inspection terminal connected to **second electrodes of the even-numbered transistor**.

Claims 2-6 and 9 are dependent on claim 1 are indicated allowable accordingly.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Nara et al US Publication 2005/0093567 disclose an image inspection device (see Fig. 1) comprising a control terminal driver (34) but fail to disclose a first inspection terminal connected to second electrodes of the odd-numbered transistors and (3) a second inspection terminal connected to second electrodes of the even-numbered transistor.

Hayata et al US Publication No. 2004/0046920 disclose a liquid crystal display device (see Fig. 1) comprising odd-numbered gate-line inspection terminal (CGO) and even-numbered gate-line inspection terminal (CGE).

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emily Y. Chan whose telephone number is 571-272-1956. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor Ramirez can be reached on 571-272-2034. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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